

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 15

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Pre-Function Room	Registration
5:15 pm - 6:15 pm	Lakeview/Imperial	CLE/CJE
Data's Lifecycle through Litigation - A Primer for Attorneys (Substantive: 1 CLE/CJE) <i>Presenters: John Unice, Esq. (CEO, bit-x-bit) & Brett Creasy, CISSP, GCFA, CCE (President & Director of Digital Forensics, bit-x-bit)</i> <i>Master forensically sound mobile and cloud preservation to satisfy your Rule 1.1 duty of technological competence and defeat manufactured spoliation claims, fee shifts, or discovery sanctions.</i> <i>For judicial officers managing increasingly burdened dockets, this session provides the framework to evaluate complex "discovery on discovery" disputes, assess defensible collection standards, and rule effectively on technical eDiscovery sanctions and digital evidence.</i>		
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Lakeview/Imperial	CLE/CJE
Getting "Trauma-Informed" About Frustration, Mistrust, and "The System" (Substantive: 1 CLE/CJE) <i>Presenter: Rachael Downey Glasoe, Esq. (Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C.)</i> <i>Understand how the neurobiology of trauma drives hostility, mistrust, and erratic behavior in the courtroom. Practitioners will gain tools to de-escalate friction and present compelling testimony, while judicial officers will learn to identify physiological trauma responses to maintain decorum, evaluate credibility accurately, and manage high-conflict proceedings effectively.</i>		
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Room 102	Hospitality Suite

Long day? We've got dinner and drinks covered!

Head over to the hospitality suite in Room 102 for pizza, drinks, and collegial conversation. Come unwind and relax with fellow attendees—all are welcome!

Friday, October 16

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
7:00 am - 8:00 am	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Lakeside Yoga
<i>Join us for an all-levels lakeside yoga session designed to awaken the body and clear the mind. No prior experience is necessary—just come as you are and ease into your day grounded and refreshed.</i> What to Bring: • A yoga mat or large beach towel • Water • Layers (early mornings near the water can start cool)		
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Pre-Function Room	Registration/Vendors
7:00 am - 9:00 am	Richmond/DeCeloron	Breakfast
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Lakeview/Imperial	CLE/CJE

AI and the Law: A Panel on Governance, Risk, and Practice

(Substantive: 1 CLE/CJE)
Moderator: xxxx Panelists: Jeremy Lightner, Esq. (Erie County DA's Office), Judge Erin Connelly Marucci (Erie County Court of Common Pleas), Robert D. Oliver, Esq. (Chief Public Defender), Khadija W. Horton, Esq. (Corporate Counsel, Erie Insurance Group), Nathan P. Venesky, Esq. (MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP), and Julia Gromacki, Esq. (Marsh Schaaf LLP)

Gain a comprehensive look at how generative AI is shifting discovery, evidence admissibility, and case preparation across criminal and civil dockets. Learn practical guidance on AI reliability, transparency, confidentiality, and procedural fairness.

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Friday, November 16 Continued

10:15 am - 11:15 am	Lakeview/Imperial	CLE/CJE
Befriending the Brain and Body: Science-Based Self-Care Strategies for Lawyers and Judges (Substantive: 1 CLE/CJE) <i>Presenters: Rachael Downey Glasoe, Esq. (Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C.), Judge Emily Merski, Erie County Court of Common Pleas)</i> <i>Move beyond superficial wellness clichés to examine the biological science and neurobiology behind peak legal performance. Implement targeted strategies to sustain focus, protect decision-making under high-stakes pressure, and prevent burnout.</i>		
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Richmond/DeCelorón	CLE & Lunch
Judicial Roundtable: Courtroom Decorum, Effective Advocacy, and Practice Pitfalls (Substantive: 1 CLE) <i>Moderator: Bill Speros, Esq. (ECBA President; MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP) Panelists: Hon. Susan Paradise Baxter (US District Court WPA), Hon. Emily Merski, Hon. David Ridge, Hon. Peter Sala, Hon. Erin Connelly Marucci, Hon. John Trucilla (Erie County Court of Common Pleas)</i> <i>Hear candid feedback directly from the bench on oral argument strategies, motion drafting, pretrial conferences, and evidentiary hearings.</i>		
12:45 pm - 5:30 pm	BREAK	
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Southern Tier Brewery	Social - Sponsored by YLD
<i>This off-site gathering is the perfect opportunity to unwind, network, and let loose with fellow legal minds. Come prepared to laugh, drink, and make some unforgettable memories. (CASH BAR)</i>		
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Lakeside/Pre-Function	Golden Hour Social
<i>Trade conference keynotes for open water and amber light. Right after the afternoon break, head down to the shoreline for the Golden Hour Social—the perfect transition from daytime sessions to an evening of unwinding, cold drinks, and genuine conversation as the sun dips below the lake.</i>		
6:30 pm - 6:45 pm	Richmond/DeCelorón	State of the Bench with Judge Mead
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Richmond/DeCelorón	CLE/CJE/Dinner
The Drunk History Litigation Challenge: Strategic, Administrative, and Ethical Lessons from Historical Litigation (Substantive: 1.0, Ethics: 0.5 CLE/CJE) <i>Presenters: Jamie R. Schumacher, Esq. (ECBA President; MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP), Judge Peter J. Sala (Erie County Court of Common Pleas), Robert J. "Bob" Catalde, Esq. (Erie County Court Administrator), and Michael A. Micsky, Esq. (MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP)</i> <i>In this interactive, team-based workshop, advocates and judicial officers dissect landmark historical trials to sharpen core trial skills. Participants will evaluate competing litigation strategies, spot reversible error, test jurisdictional thresholds, and resolve high-stakes ethical dilemmas to ensure due process during high-profile and unconventional proceedings.</i>		
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Pre-Function Room	Entertainment with the Barristars
8:30 pm - ?	Room 102	Hospitality Suite Open

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Saturday, October 17

TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Richmond/DeCeloron	Breakfast
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Lakeview/Imperial	CLE/CJE
Behind the Bench: Navigating Orphans' Court Procedure and Practice – What the Court Sees, Wants, and Expects (Substantive: 1 CLE) <i>Presenters: Judge Marshall J. Piccinini (Erie County Court of Common Pleas), Christopher Woodard, Esq. (Law Clerk to Judge Piccinini) and Sue Beck, Esq. (Law Clerk to Judge Joseph Walsh).</i> <i>Moderated by Kyle Gallo, Esq. (MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP)</i> Gain an insider, behind-the-scenes perspective on what happens after an Orphans' Court filing reaches chambers. Learn how to navigate recent local rule revisions, Motions Court procedures, uncontested petitions, and scheduling for estate, trust, guardianship, adoption, and fiduciary litigation. Identify recurring procedural defects and deficiencies that cause delays so you can improve filing quality and effectively present matters to the Court.		
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Lakeview/Imperial	CLE/CJE
Drawing the Line: Setting Client Boundaries in the Digital Age (Ethics: 1 CLE/CJE) <i>Presenter: Brian Quinn, Esq. (Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers)</i> Judicial officers and attorneys face parallel challenges regarding digital connectivity, after-hours accessibility, and maintaining clear professional boundaries with court staff, litigants, and the broader legal community. This course provides concrete strategies to manage digital access, reduce stress and burnout, protect confidential information, and uphold professional well-being, all while maintaining the standards of professional integrity.		
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Lakeview/Imperial	CLE/CJE
Disorder in the Court: The Crossroads of Incivility and Wellness in the Legal Profession (Ethics: 1 CLE/CJE) <i>Presenter: Brian Quinn, Esq. (Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers)</i> This presentation examines how stress, anxiety, burnout, and substance abuse drive abrasive behavior and undermine civility across the legal profession. Participants will learn to distinguish incivility from zealous advocacy, access confidential support via Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, and apply practical strategies to address impairment. For the judiciary, the session reinforces civility as a vital judicial skill—equipping judges to manage courtrooms effectively, uphold public confidence, and recognize signs of distress in themselves, court staff, and appearing counsel.		
12:15 pm - 12:30 pm	Lakeview/Imperial	Raffles & Close

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